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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 14 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's expected winter wheat production is 64.4 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage of winter wheat is expected to total 740,000 acres, 40,000 acres more than last year. Yield, as of July 1, is expected to be 87.0 bushels per acre, up 6.0 bushels from last year. Producers with spring wheat are expected to harvest 540,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2009. Average yield is estimated at 80.0 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels more than 2009. Spring wheat production is forecast at 43.2 million bushels, an increase of 6 percent from 2009. Barley production is forecast at 45.6 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year's 48.5 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 480,000 acres, is 30,000 acres less than last year. The expected yield of 95.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last year and equals our record high. Oat production is expected to be 1.56 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year. Oat yield for grain, at 78.0 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last year. Acreage harvested for grain, at 20,000, is down 5,000 acres from last year. Dry edible peas planted acreage is estimated to be 60,000 acres, up 43 percent from last year. This is the largest acreage planted since 69,000 acres were planted in 1998. Planted acreage for lentils is expected to total 80,000 acres, up 51 percent from 2009 and the largest acreage planted since 1994 when 86,000 acres were seeded. Austrian winter peas planted acreage, at 15,000 acres, increased 88 percent from a year ago. Peach production, estimated at 8,000 tons, is down 13 percent from last year's 9,200 tons.

For the United States, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from 2009. The U. S. yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from last year. Other spring wheat production is forecast at 607 million bushels, 4 percent above 2009. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushel below 2009. Barley production is forecast at 182 million bushels, down 20 percent from 2009. Yields are expected to average 71.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last year. Oat production for grain is forecast at 87.7 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2009. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record. The forecasted yield, at 66.7 bushels per acre, is down 0.8 bushel from 2009's record high yield. Planted acreage of dry edible peas is estimated at 869,000 acres, virtually unchanged from last year. Planted acreage of lentils is estimated at 655,000 acres, 58 percent above 2009. If realized, this will be the largest planted acreage since records began in 1986. Austrian winter pea planted acreage is expected to total 31,500 acres, up 54 percent from last year. The 2010 peach crop is forecast at 1.13 million tons, up 2 percent from 2009.

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